

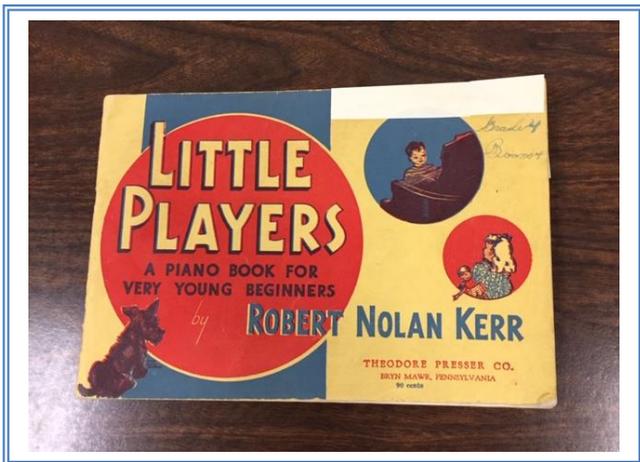
From the IHM Archives...

*Special Quiz on Surprises
That Have Come to Light!*

***“Treasures To Be Revealed”
in the New IHM Heritage Room!***

In this issue of “From the IHM Archives” we are sharing some of the wonderful artifacts that you will find displayed and available for research in the New IHM Heritage Room and the IHM Archives Research Room both located in the Motherhouse.

Please study these three pictures, then think of the answers to the quiz questions posted.... Answers found on pages 2 and 3! Enjoy and good luck!



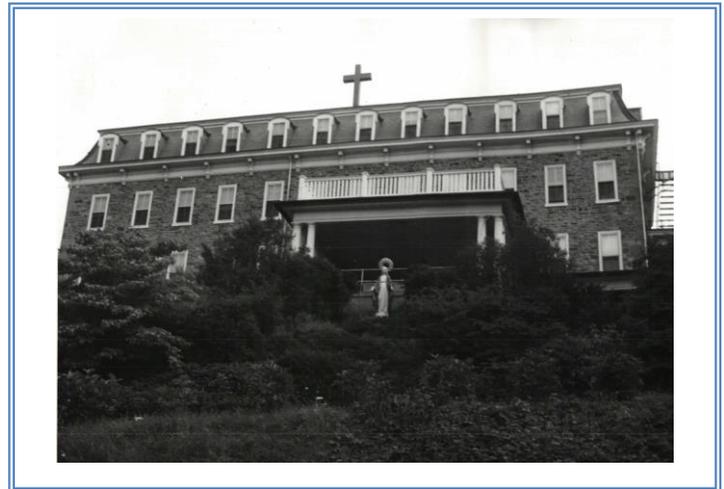
**#1 “Little Players” A Piano Book for
Very Young Beginners
By: Robert Nolan Kerr**

**Did you know Robert Nolan Kerr is a
pseudonym? Who is the true author of this
Piano Instruction Book?**



**#2 A beautiful multi-generational
family portrait**

***Can you identify the two IHM Sisters in this
photograph?***



#3 A Mansard Style Mansion

***Can you name the building in the photo
above?***

***Do you have your answers? Turn to
page 2 to discover if you are correct!***

And the answers are.....

#1“Little Players” Piano Instruction Book

Thanks to Sister M. St. Elizabeth Koleski, IHM, who donated this book to the Archives on June 4, 2021, we have the answer!

Little Players: A Piano Book for Very Young Beginners (1941)

was written by

Sister Mary Aloysius Nolan, IHM

According to Sister St. Elizabeth, many years ago, Sister Mary Aloysius was a devoted music teacher! For a number of years, she was the Music Supervisor, encouraging sisters to help young children to enjoy and play music. Around 1940, Sister thought of a way to help students. She decided to write music books for students at young ages; however, she had a problem! During the 1940-50 era, Religious did not post their Religious names on a publication. In order to solve the problem, Sister, with the permission of her brother, used Robert Nolan Kerr as the Composer! With that permission her dream had become a reality!

Other music books by Sister Aloysius:

<u>Tunes for Little Players</u>	1947
<u>Little Players Growing Up</u>	1949
<u>Little Players Have Arrived</u>	1954

The publisher at that time was Theodore Presser Publisher Co. of Philadelphia, PA.

#2. Multi-generational Family Portrait

The Scully Family

In December of 2021, this unmarked family photo was found in the IHM Archives Reserve Room on the top shelf of a closet. This discovery led to an interesting identification search. The search of archival records, as well as the memories of a few of our sisters, led to a clear recognition of a few of the people in the photograph:

**IHM Sister on the left:
Sister Mary David Scully, IHM**

**IHM Sister on the right:
Sister M. Sacre Coeur Scully, IHM**

**Priest in the top row:
Rev. William Scully**

Obviously, this family photo was taken for a very special occasion; however, no date, occasion, or place was indicated. Who knows?

As people view this photo, someone may be able to shed some light on the date, occasion, or location! The two IHM sisters (biological sisters as well), and their brother, Reverend William Scully, are with the Lord now.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

#3. A Mansard Style Mansion

Villa Maria, Wernersville IHM Infirmary

From 1872 until 1943, the West Chester motherhouse included an infirmary section to care for our sick sisters. In April 1940, ground for an infirmary annex at Villa Maria, West Chester was broken and blessed; however, the death of Mother Kostka on April 18, 1940 and the outbreak of World War II, intervened.

Succeeding Mother Kostka, Mother Francina also saw the deep need for infirmary space and requested a Congregation-wide campaign of prayer, which brought quick results. In a newspaper on her desk, she saw a for-sale notice for a summer hotel, Sunset Hall in Wernersville, overlooking Reading. Defense bonds were cashed, and negotiations for the purchase were completed in July 1943.

After a year of renovations, **Villa Maria, Wernersville, IHM Infirmary** welcomed the first Sister patients and a small staff from West Chester.

*(Information taken from Camilla Hall's
Twenty-fifth Anniversary Book 1960-1985)*

Thank you for joining in our Archives quiz! May our Charism of love, creative hope and fidelity continue to nurture in our hearts these words...

Loving God of our past,

Faithful God of our present,

**Provident God of our Future,
we offer you...**

**Praise, Love, Thanksgiving,
now and forever!**

Information gathered from:

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